



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Resolution of support for High Speed Rail - Altamont Pass Connection

MEETING DATE: Wednesday June 5, 1996

PREPARED BY: Kirk J. Evans, Assistant to the City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That City Council approve a resolution of support for the Altamont Pass Connection for High Speed Rail Service in the State of California.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: A plan is now being prepared for the creation of High Speed Rail service in California. Many details of the plan are still in embryonic stages. However, after much public input, the Intercity High Speed Rail Commission has made some fundamental decisions regarding the design of this system:

- ◆ High Speed Rail will run between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles.
- ◆ High Speed Rail will follow the Route 99 corridor in the Central Valley.
- ◆ Once this primary system has been well established, extensions will be considered. One extension would proceed south to San Diego. The other would proceed north to Sacramento.

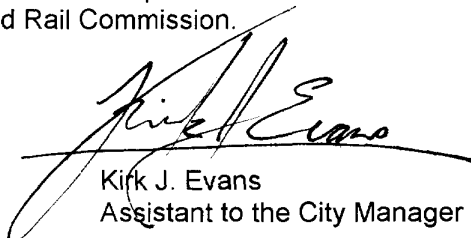
There are three proposed routes to connect high speed rail from the Central Valley to the Bay Area:

- 1) Altamont Pass Route (along highway 580)
- 2) Pacheco Pass Route (along highway 152 - west of Los Banos)
- 3) Panoche Pass Route (along highway 180 - west of Fresno)

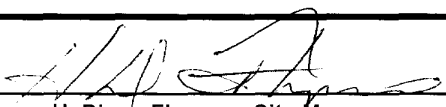
Option 2 has the drawback of providing zero service to San Joaquin or Stanislaus Counties. Option 3 effectively cuts off service to all areas north of Fresno. Initial plans do not call for any High Speed Rail service passing near the City of Lodi. However, Option 1 would provide Lodians access to High Speed Rail using car, bus, or possibly conventional rail connections. Given that Lodi will construct a multi-modal station in a few years, activity at this station could be enhanced by transit connections to the High Speed Rail line created by Option 1. In the long term, if an extension north to Sacramento is created, it is much more likely to go through, or by the City of Lodi if option 1 is adopted.

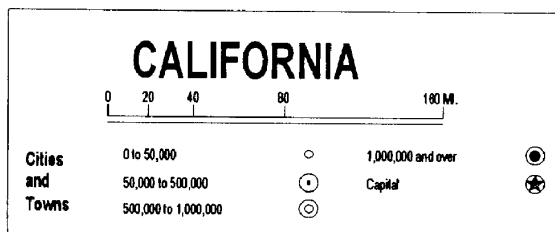
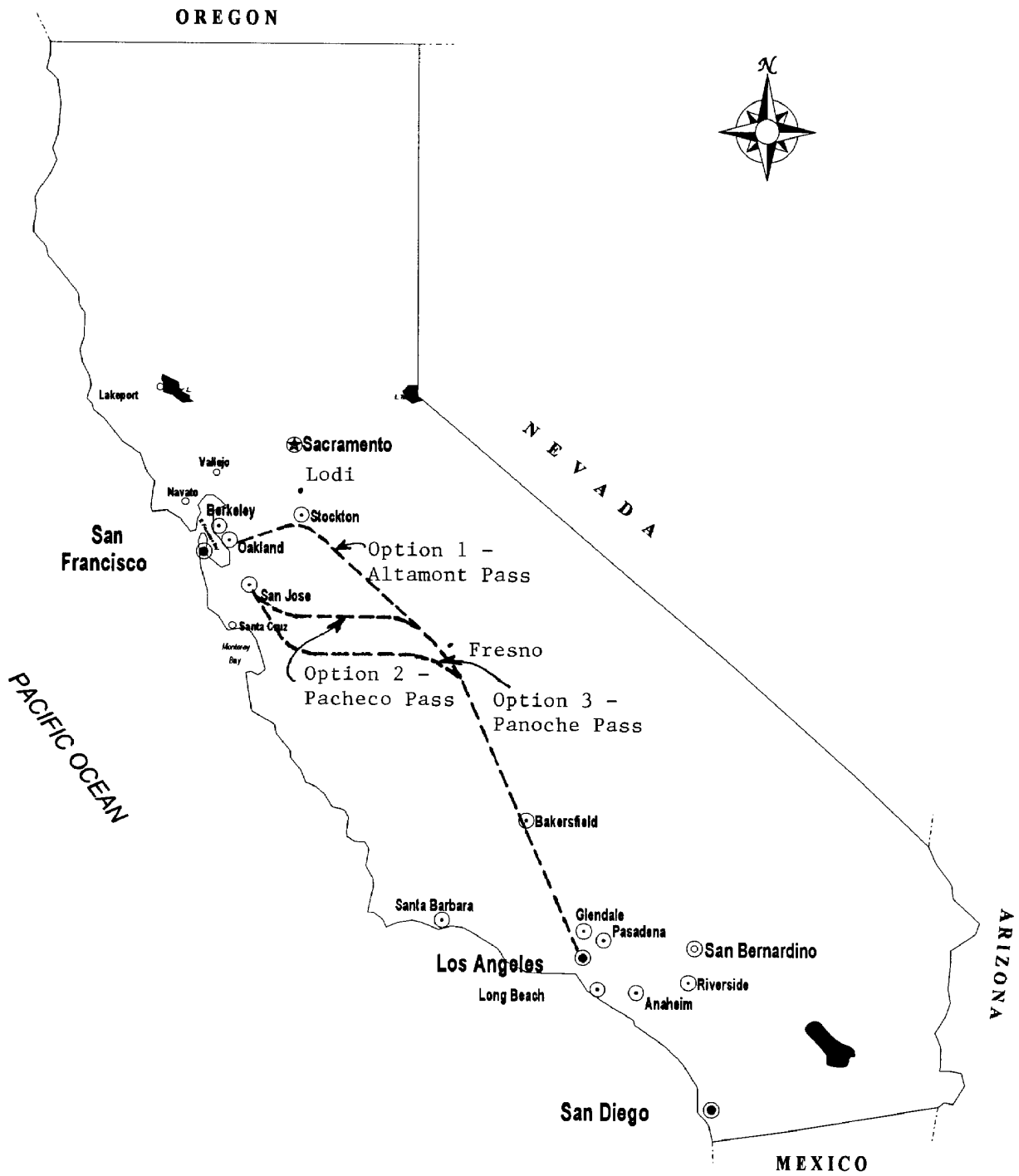
If the Lodi City Council feels the presence of High Speed Rail is beneficial to this region and the citizens of Lodi, it is recommended that Council adopt the attached resolution and submit it to Ed Jordan, Chairman of the Intercity High Speed Rail Commission.

FUNDING: N/A


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APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 96-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
RECOMMENDING THAT THE HIGH SPEED RAIL COMMISSION
ADOPT THE ALTAMONT PASS CORRIDOR AS THE CONNECTION
TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

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WHEREAS, the High Speed Rail Commission is studying various corridors to provide high speed service from Los Angeles to San Francisco and Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has already recommended further study of the State Route 99 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the State Route 99 Base and State Route 99 Long Corridor options have the highest ridership and revenue potential; and

WHEREAS, the State Route Base and the State Route 99 Long Corridor options provide the best service for the intermediate travel markets; and

WHEREAS, the Altamont Pass Capital costs range from 15 to 35 percent less than the capital costs for the Panoche and Pacheco passes; and

WHEREAS, the ridership of the high speed rail will increase approximately 2½ times if the corridor is extended to San Diego on the south and Sacramento on the north; and

WHEREAS, operating costs for such extensions would only increase by 50%; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the high speed rail to Sacramento would increase the market population by approximately three million people and double that by the time service starts; and

WHEREAS, the State Route 99 Corridor in conjunction with the Altamont Pass Corridor would extend the high speed rail to Stockton and potentially Sacramento. It would offer an opportunity for more dense development of land use thus, saving valuable central valley farmland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that based upon these reasons, the City Council of the City of Lodi recommends that the High Speed Rail Commission adopt the Altamont Pass Corridor as the connection to the San Francisco Bay Area.

Dated: June 5, 1996

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 96-64 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held June 5, 1996 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - Davenport, Mann, Pennino, Sieglock and Warner (Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS - None


JENNIFER M. PERRIN
City Clerk